in the State of Andhra Pradesh to meet the shortage of power in that Sate;

(b) which sites have been selected for the purpose; and

(c) what are the details regarding the funds allocated for such plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINSTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Feasibility reports in respect of the following proposals have been received in the Central Electricity Authority from the Andhra Pradesh State Electiciy Board (APSEB) for techno-economic appraisal:—

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme and Capacity in M. W	Estimated Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Site proposed
(i)	Mobile G.T. sets 3x3	1440	The sets are proposed to be moved to different gas wells, as required. Initially these sets are proposed to be installed at ONGC's gas well at Razole-I situated at Yenugtivani Lanka which is about 10 km. from Narsapur town.
(ii)	Combined Cycle G.T. Plant 6x25	13914·7	Near the proposed Central gas collecting station of the ONGC; the site is about 3.5 km. from Narsapur town.

The above schemes could be techno-economically appraised after the availability of all inputs, including gas and water, has been confirmed and requisite clearances have been obtained. The question of allocation of funds could only be considered thereafter.

Clearance of Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project

146. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 139 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project has since been cleared by all the authorities and agencies concerned;

(b) if so, whether the construction work has since been started; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission have accepted 'in principle', the feasibility of the Bakreshwar thermal power project (3x210 MW), subject to adequate financial provision being made in the State Plan and clearance being obtained from forest angle for the ash disposal system, and have authorised the State Government to tie up the associated arrangements and infrastructural works. The State authorities have been advised to start work on infrastructure development with the available funds.

Shifting of O.I.L. Headquarters from Delhi to Duliajan

147. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some O.I.L. Executives have opposed the

shifting of the O.I.L. Headquarters from Delhi to Duliajan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) OIL's registered office has always been at Duliajan. Director (Operations) is stationed at Duliajan; Director (Personnel) was transferred to Duliajan sometime ago. Now, it is proposed that the Chairman-cum-Managing Director and two Directors, who had been operating from Delhi, be shifted to Duliajan. Some officers and staff of Delhi office had expressed certain misgivings about the proposed move. However, these misgivings have been removed during the discussions held by the senior officers of the Ministry with the officers and staff of O.I.L. Some OIL executives have welcomed this move.

Modernisation of Digboi Oil Refinery

148. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when the work of modernisation of the Digboi Oil Refinery is likely to be started; and

(b) whether provisions for producing petro-chemical by-products are proposed to be made in connection therewith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Preliminary work consisting of studies and investigations have already been started. A detailed feasibility report is also being prepared.

(b) No, Sir.

Cooking Gas Facilities in Andhra Pradesh

149. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) which of the cities and towns in Andhra Pradesh are likely to be provided with cooking gas facilities during the next two years; and

(b) the criteria adopted by Government for providing these facilities in each State of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Under the various annual Marketing Plans upto the year 1987-88, the oil industry has proposals to extend LPG facility to the various cities/towns in Andhra Pradesh as mentioned in the Statement (See below).

(b) At present LPC facility is being extended in a phased manner to locations having a population of around of 20,000 and which offer sufficient potential for economically viable distributorships.

Statement

S. No.	Name of Town/City
1	Srikakulam
2	Nellore
3	Adilabad
4	Kodad
5	Avanigadda
6	Tiruvur
7	Palmaner
8	Icchapuram
9	Urvakonda
10	Bhainsa
11	Gopalpatnam
12	Jaggayapet
13	Jadcherla